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## President's MESSAGE



I hope this message finds you well and in high spirits. As we come together once again in the spirit of unity and progress, I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering dedication and passion have been the driving force behind our association's remarkable journey.

Over the last few years, our club has witnessed remarkable growth and development. We've expanded our horizons, introduced exciting new initiatives, and cultivated a vibrant community of like-minded families. The commitment and enthusiasm displayed by our committee members have propelled us to new heights.

I am proud to announce that our financial planning has significantly improved revenues from multiple avenues, allowing us to invest more in cultural and sports events that will enrich our collective experience. We've also revamped our administrative processes to enhance communication through digital media and member satisfaction. We have plans to install an interactive kiosk at the front desk to provide all relevant information and make payments more convenient.

The future holds even greater promise for us, and I am excited to embark on this journey with all of you. I am fortunate to have such a fabulous team with me and together, we will continue to thrive, expand, and make a lasting impact on our community.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our association.

With warm regards,

**THILAKAN VPM**  
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## From the EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings and welcome to yet another compelling edition of ECA Mirror. As the Editor of this distinguished publication, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratification when I see the resonance that our magazine has found among ECA Members.

The topics covered in this edition of the ECA Mirror include, and, not limited to updates about the several activities at ECA, articles on memories from yesteryears and latest events, getting rooted to literature etc.

On this occasion I would like to thank the ECA Executive Committee, my Tech & Outreach committee, my co-editor Maryann, contributors to the articles and heartfelt thanks to the sponsors of advertisements, all of whom have contributed to the success of this edition of the ECA Mirror.

Finally, we wish to encourage more contributions from the ECA family to ensure continued success of the ECA Mirror. Authors & reviewers are always welcome. We also welcome comments and suggestions that can improve the quality of the ECA Mirror.

A lot of effort has gone into the making of this issue. We hope you enjoy reading the magazine.

**Meril Jacob K C**  
Editor, ECA Mirror



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Welcoming all new members to ECA Family

## INSTALLATION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE



The Installation of the New Committee was done on 8th July 2023 and was blessed by the chief guest Shri S Raghu, Honourable Member of the Legislative Assembly, C.V Raman Nagar, Bangalore.

Guest of Honour, Shri P. Gopakumar, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Customs and Indirect Taxes, Ministry of Finance, Govt of India, also graced the event.

We had excellent participation from many Past Presidents, Past Office Bearers and Members who commended the outgoing committee's contributions and welcomed the new committee with great enthusiasm and rigor. This Installation was special as the Committee came to their positions unopposed. This reflects on the faith and trust of the members on the team being installed. The Installation ceremony began with invoking the blessings from the Lord Almighty with a prayer rendered by Mrs. Meenu Tony and a Lighting of the Lamp by the Guest of Honour and the Installed Office Bearers.

Shri Gopakumar's message to the new committee was encouraging, meaningful and insightful. After the exchange of collars, Shri Gopakumar handed over a rose to the incoming Office Bearers

President	- Mr. VPM Thilakan
Vice President	- Mr. Sudhy Varghese
General Secretary	- Mr. Manoj Subramanian
Joint Secretary	- Mr. Naveen Alayil
Treasurer	- Mr. Shaji Pillai



Shri Gopakumar congratulated and welcomed the new 10 member Executive Committee and 4 CMC members. The newly elected President Mr. VPM Thilakan gave his first presidential address and his vision for the year. The new General Secretary Mr. Manoj Subramanian, proposed the vote of thanks.

The evening was followed by fellowship, dinner and a contemporary band named, "Crazy House" rendering their music to make the evening grand and memorable. This event featured 200+ members and families.



**Manoj Subramanian, General Secretary**

# Onotsavam 2023

Onotsavam 2023 was a phenomenal spectacle showcasing our culture, tradition and togetherness of the ECA family. The planning for this started as early as mid-June 2023 by identifying various coordinators, activities to be done and how we could make this year unique. The Core OCC team had a group of over 20-25 stellar coordinators, who was led by the dynamic & systematic Leetha Prajesh, who took responsibility on running the Cultural Program, Sports, Stalls, Raffles, Food, Music and many other such responsibilities that was the strength of what we witnessed this year in the final results. As a run-up to the final week there were a host of activities ranging from Car Park Cricket, Indoor Sports, Onam Badminton tournament, Bumper Housie, Cards Tournament, Billiards and Outdoor Sports. The practices were on full swing during July and August keeping each nook and corner of ECA occupied by children, adults and youth. There were four Onam celebration Committee meetings, which were well attended by members, past presidents, including our Patron Padma Sree Krishnadas Nair, which guided the Onam execution team every step of the way.

The final week of celebrations started with the Kodiyettam on August 26, 2023 an inauguration to the events we would witness on September 2 and 3. The Kodiyettam was an extravagant affair with Padmashree Mattanur Shankarankutty Marar and team's Triple Thayambaka followed by the melodious music by Nithya Menon, Abhijit and team. The Kodiyettam had our Auditorium brimming with immense number of members, family and guests being present. This marked the beginning of what more we could expect on the final days of September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, boosting the confidence of the OCC team and the Executive team of ECA.

The first day of Onotsavam began with the formal meeting beginning on time with the arrival of our Chief Guest Hon. Member of Parliament Shri N.

K. Premachandran and Cine Artist, Mr. Ramesh Pisharody. Mr.N K Premachandran's speech was very insightful and engaging, keeping the audience actively listening, which was followed by Mr. Ramesh Pisharody's witty talk that had the audience laughing throughout. This was followed by handing over of Academic Excellence Awards by ECA President and First Lady, Mr. V.P.M. Thilakan and Sherina Thilak.

The meeting was followed by our flagship item - The Heralding of Onam, which was called Prakruthi Ramaneeyam – ThiruOnam, which was based on the concept of the PanchaBhoothas and leaving behind a greener, beautiful environment for our future generations. It was scripted by our Treasurer Mr. Shaji Pillai and choreographed by the Kerala team of Mr.Srivaram Ashokan and Mrs. Sheeba and her daughter Ms. Rithika. The heralding brought art forms from different parts of Kerala alive on our stage and we witnessed 4 kathakali characters including a female vesham, theyyam, Garudan, Thirra, Sheethangam thullal, Mayuram, Mahabali and apsaras. The heralding received a great response from the audience particularly our Chief Guest, who appreciated it to be one of the most organized and well performed program he has ever seen.

This was followed by an amazing mix of dance and music by our members starting with our tiny tots, followed by the older children, teenagers, youth and adults. The programs ranged from dances to a skit to a fashion show and styles from cinematic, to hip-hop to classical to semi-classical and medleys across eras.

The second day began with Pookalam Competition and Members Ganamela, followed by the Onam Sadhya where we had over 1000 members and guest enjoying the sumptuous meal from Vinayaka caterers. We also had a professional program of OttamThullal presented by Kala Mandalam Mahendran and was followed









by a unique scintillating Kathak performance by Hari and Chethana. This was a visual treat for the audience and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The finale of the Onotsavam was the musical evening by our nightingale of South India, Padma Bhushan KS Chitra and her team. They rendered a wonderful, musical evening to us that ECA will remember for many, many years.

The Core OCC team would like to thank all our Sponsors, members and guests for their huge

support in making this Onotsavam a grand success. It was only because of the whole hearted willingness and support of our sponsors, that made this event memorable, which set a benchmark for the future years. We, the OCC team, Office Bearers and Executive Committee of ECA, take this opportunity to share our heartfelt gratitude to all involved in Onotsavam 2023.

**Leetha Prajesh, Sudhy Varghese & Naveen Alayil**



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## ARTICLE: ECA ONOTSAVAM, 2023 – AN OVERVIEW

ECA Onotsavam 2023 held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the first major event during this Golden jubilee year, has been particularly grand. The inspiring speeches by the Chief Guest, an ebullient Parliamentarian of the Country, Sri N K Premachandran, and the versatile Cine Artist and Mimicry fame, Sri Ramesh Pisharody, gave the all important impetus to the celebrations.

The presentations by members, particularly, the HERALDING OF ONAM, was superbly outstanding. This made the Chief Guest, who has attended Onam celebrations in many countries of the world, and practically all over India and Kerala, in a specially sought intervention, hailed our Onam Heralding as the best ever held anywhere in the world. Kudos to Shaji Pilli and the 210 participants!

All the other items, Thiruvathira Kali, Modern Dances, Fashion Show, etc. were also of a very high standard. Congratulations to the members in charge and to the participants.

While the overwhelming success of the celebrations should be attributed to the Onam Celebration Committee in general, the leadership provided by the President Sri Thilakan VPM, the Chairman Sri Sudhy Varghese and the Convener Sri Naveen Alayil deserve special mention.

Mrs. Leetha Prajesh who spearheaded the members programs deserves full marks for her organizational potential and her extreme sense of responsibility. She has demonstrated in no uncertain terms the power of STHREESHAKTHI in all

its dimensions. Well done, Leetha.

The Masters of Ceremony, Neha Sudhy and Nijil Sebastian have played an excellent role in presenting the proceedings most vividly.



The various events on the second day - Pookalam competition, Onasadhya prepared and served by Vinayaka Caterers Kochi, Ganamela by ECA members, the professional programs, Ottamthullal by Kalamandalam Mahendran, and Kathak by Hari & Chethana - were also most meticulously planned and executed with clockwork precision.

At the same time, it may be pointed out that overdoing and overspending in certain areas like Photography, Video, Decorations, etc., need restraint and critical review.

The colourful Ganamela led by India's 'VANAMBADI', the melody queen Padma Bhushan K S CHITHRA, was the most befitting finale for the Onam celebration. Everyone present in the jam packed auditorium enjoyed and cheered every moment of the program. Though many members were aggrieved that they could not get passes for this high profile event, they, in compliance with the cherished tradition of ECA, took it in the right spirit.

ONOTSAVAM 2023 may be taken as an ominous prelude to the keenly awaited GOLDEN JUBILEE celebrations. Hope for the best.

**K K CHERIAN**

## SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

### CLUB PROGRAMS, DRAMA & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

ECA celebrated the 77th Independence Day of India, on 15th Aug 2023. ECA club programs vice chairperson Mrs. Vidya Avinash welcomed the gathering in the absence of chairman. ECA president, Mr. VPM Thilakan gave the presidential address and did the flag hoisting.





ECA Sangeetham team delivered beautiful patriotic songs. This was followed by a delicious breakfast spread. We thank the sponsors Skyline builders for supporting the event.

The committee has been taking up regular garden maintenance and maintenance of other club facilities. The committee continues to undertake maintenance activities such as improvements in the green room, procurement of cordless microphones and maintenance of solar water heaters for the guest rooms.



**Binesh M**, Chairman

## BEVERAGES

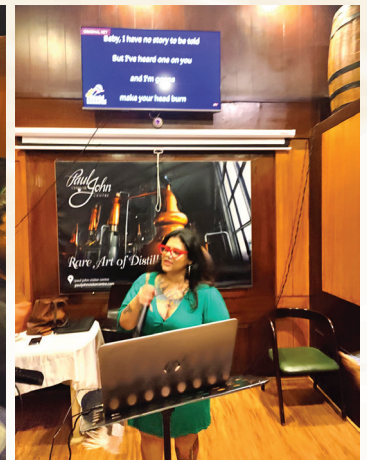
The beverages committee provided able support during the onam festivities of ECA by setting up bar counters in multiple places , providing premium variety brands and setting up cocktail counters.

Bar Nite programs were kick started with a unique trivia quiz program "Ningalkum Akaam Kudeeshwaran" was conducted by our member Sarangan on Sep 22nd. The program was immediately succeeded by Karaoke Nite on Sep 23rd which had over 30 members and guests singing .

Oct 7th saw a Bar Nite with Athmika George and Peter Rebello.

The events saw good turn out.

Beverages committee is committed to providing wider range of brands at the bar for the benefit of the members.



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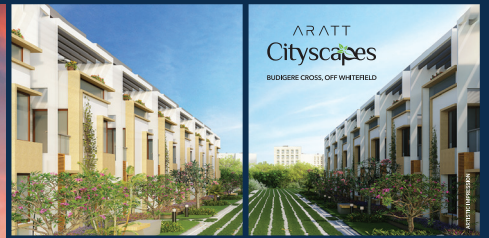
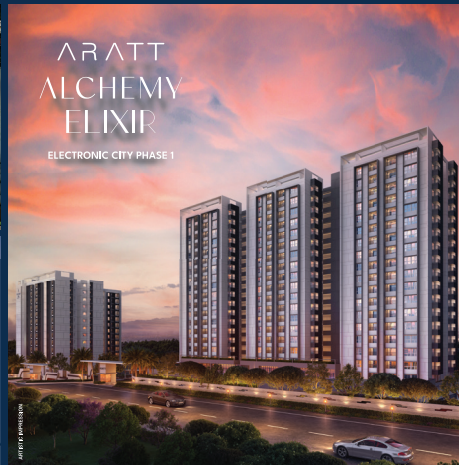
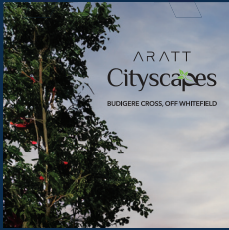


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## PLANNING, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

A draft budget plan for year 2023- 24 was made and shared in committee.

On Oct 17, the half yearly income and expenditure for the year was collated and comparison was shared in committee meeting. Balance sheet projection for FY 23- 24 is under development with projected income and statutory expenses. Also, the committee discussed ideas to bring in more budget provisions to take care of mandatory expenses of the club to avoid unnecessary burden to the committee.

### Initiatives

1. We have launched a 3 EMI scheme (90 days validity) for taking both Family and Donor

membership valid up to March 15, 2024. Members are requested to contact ECA office for further details.

2. Limited period conversion of family membership to life and donor with Rs 60,000/ plus applicable GST. This is open till Dec '23.

The new membership status as of Oct '23 for the FY 2023-24

Life and Donor	4
Family	13
Member Child	10
Temporary	2

**Tony Augustine**, Chairman

## LIBRARY & BOOK CLUB

The first event of the Book Club was held on 24th September 2023 at ECA Alexander hall at 5.30pm. A book named as "Rama of the Axe" written by our own member Sri. Ranjith Radhakrishnan was discussed in width and depth. The session was moderated by Ms. Roopa Rai, an accomplished writer. The book is an epic fiction and the event was well organised and appreciated by book lovers who attended by large numbers. The next

event will be a session for children and few more book session which will be organised in coming months. Book Club will identify the names of books that has to be procured after detailed discussion with our members. Members are welcome to provide suggestion to make book club activities more interesting.

**RKN Pillai**, Chairman



### Health Check up Camp

Heath is wealth!

Sthree joined hands with Manipal Hospital and conducted a Health checkup camp at ECA Dr J Alexander Hall on 23rd September 2023, this included both blood screening and ECG checkup.

The health checkup was a huge success and people of all age groups availed the blood screening and ECG checkup at a very subsidized rate. Our first Sthree initiative was a grand success.



### Sthree Dandiya Night

Each year, on each day of Navratri, an incarnation of "Goddess Durga" is worshipped to celebrate



the day of her victory over Mahishasura, and the ultimate victory of 'Good over Evil'

Sthree Committee had organised a Dandiya night on 28th October 2023 and the main auditorium took the stage to a real Garba setup with colourful vibrant colours and lights. We had organised stalls displaying a wide array like home linen, sarees, jewellery, food items, etc. Beautiful mehendi designs adorned the hands of our members.

The function was inaugurated by our Office Bearers, Sthree Chairman Sanjai Gangadharan and Padmashree Dr. Krishnadas Nair and we were privileged to be part of the book launch - "East Cultural Association, Bangalore (Making a Tradition)" written by Professor K. K. Cherian, guided by our patron- Padmashree Dr Krishnadas Nair.

The audience of three generations enjoyed a variety of fun filled games hosted by our member Mr. Rohin Kumar and danced to the peppy music played by the DJ into the late hours of the night.

A variety of food from both the stalls and the ECA caterers was a treat to our palates.

The Cards Committee organized Onam Rummy & 28/56 tournaments which saw huge participation.

Members Rummy tournament was also organized on 8th October, where a total of 32 members



participated and the tournament was a grand success. The winners were:

1st Place - Mr. O.M Jolly

2nd Place - Mr. Bineesh M

3rd Place - Mr. Naveen Kumar

The Cards Committee regularly organizes celebrations with members on occasions of birthday parties, Diwali amongst others.

**Sanjai Ganghadharan**, Chairman

## HOUSIE



The Housie committee has introduced twice a week Housie at ECA. We normally have our

regular housie on every Tuesday. But from the month of October, we have started having Housie on Thursday too making it a twice a week affair at the club. We had a 1 Lakh bumper housie on 2nd October and it witnessed almost 175 participants. We plan to have many more Bumper Housie tournaments in the coming months. I extend my sincere thanks to the dynamic sub committee of Mrs. Gemini , Mrs. Alice & Mr. Sudhy for the support and guidance.

**Manu Varghese**, Chairman

## SPORTS & HEALTH CLUB

Sports does not build character. It reveals it !

ECA's Sports committee started the year with a festive bang : Onam Sports in Aug/Sep 2023.

We conducted Onam cricket, Onam indoor and outdoor sports and Onam badminton tournament. Like a grand sadya, we witnessed over 200 members come together to play, win and make memories.





The sports committee conducted 2 monthly badminton tournaments thereafter. The badminton fraternity of ECA is dedicated and competitive. Each monthly tournament witnesses around 50+ participants.

The next big event is the much awaited, Aratt EBL 2023. The players auction was conducted by Meril Jacob. 6 teams sat together and bid for the best of ECA. This event was live streamed.

A grand EBL launch was organised on 26th Nov, to officially welcome the owners, teams and sponsors. The tournament will be held on Dec 1,2,3 and Dec 8,9,10

**Dr. Kempaiah Suresh, Chairman**



# MAVERICKS



## SANGEETHAM & SAHITYAVEDI

At the outset, let me express my sincere gratitude to the ECA Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee for unanimously co-opting me into the ECA Club Managing Committee (CMC), and entrusting me with the ECA Sangeetham & ECA Sahityavedi portfolios.

ECA Sangeetham 2023 had its first Get-together on 28th July which was inaugurated by ECA President, Mr. VPM Thilakan.

ECA Sangeetham joined hands with the Club Program Committee and rendered patriotic group songs with ECA members on 15th August, as part of our Independence Day Celebrations.

On 29th August (Thiruvonam Day), while the Thiruvona Sadya was being served by ECA at our Auditorium, ECA Sangeetham gave a melody treat to the members and guests by rendering popular Onam & Kerala nature related songs for almost 1½ hours.

## FINE ARTS

14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 saw the Inauguration of Children's Day Competition and fest at ECA.

Children's Day is a special occasion that celebrates the innocence, creativity, and



Subsequently ECA Sangeetham get-togethers took place on 29th September and 24th November 2023, when duet songs were rendered by members.

ECA Sahityavedi conducted 'M.T. NAVATHI VANDANAM' at ECA on September, 2023 as a 90th Birthday Tribute to the 'Jnanpith' Awardee, Shri. M. Vasudevan Nair. Shri. Alankode Leelakrishnan, eminent Poet & Writer, spoke about MT's books and life journey on the occasion.

**O Viswanathan**, Chairman



boundless potential of the younger generation. It's a day when we come together to honour and appreciate the unique talents, dreams, and contributions of children in our society. These competitions are more than just a platform for children to display their abilities; they are a means of nurturing and fostering their growth.

Our esteemed Chief Guest were – Mr Manjunath Nayaker (MasterManjunath of MalgudiDays fame) and Dr Chitra Sankar Consultant Developmental Paediatrics Manipal Hospitals.

The Children in the age category of 5-8, 9-12 & 13-16 were all prepared representing their Houses – Avengers, Gladiators, Ninjas & Spartans. The Competitions broadly are under the Literary/ Art & Sports Categories. Story & Poetry Writing, Painting, Clay Modelling, Elocution, dance, Singing, Music along with Indoor and Outdoor games – competitions House wise and Individual points scoring decides the House Championship & Overall Individual Champions are honoured as



the ECA Child President and other Child Office bearers.

The active Fine Arts committee, the House Coordinators, the Organizing committee bring the curtains down on the month-Long Festivity on 25<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2023 with a Grand Finale Musical Drama performance and produced by the ECA Children. The committee extends it warmest thanks and appreciation to the President, Office bearers and Executive Committee members who extend all the guidance support through out the month-long Competitions.

**Sharad Chandra Mani**, Chairman

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The ECA special events committee organized a screening of the movie 'Achan Oru Vazha Vechu' on 26th October. "Achan Oru Vazha Vechu" is a Malayalam movie directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. This movie was produced by our member

Dr. A V Anoop. The screening was a tremendous success. This screening was attended by 120+ members and guests. The movie stars Niranjan Raju, Athmiya Rajan, AV Anoop, and Shanthi Krishna also graced us with their presence.



Dr. A. V. Anoop and actress Shanthikrishna were felicitated by ECA on this occasion. All the questions from the audience were answered by both of them. The interaction we had with these artists was great.

V K Rajesh, Chairman

## TECH & OUTREACH

The Tech and Outreach Committee has embarked on an ambitious journey for the year, with a focus on enhancing the club's infrastructure and communication channels. These initiatives aim to provide an improved experience for our members and extend our outreach efforts.

**Instagram Page (eca.club):** Our forward-looking approach includes the creation of an Instagram page, "eca.club." Since its launch in September 2023, this platform has gained momentum, garnering close to 200 followers and sharing over 30 engaging posts. Embracing Instagram allows us to connect with a younger audience, providing an engaging space for sharing news about upcoming events and captivating members with visually appealing content.

**ECA Message Board:** The dedicated WhatsApp message boards have seen remarkable success, boasting over 1000 active members. This platform ensures real-time communication, bridging gaps, keeping members informed and engaged. The enthusiasm and participation on this platform highlight its effectiveness in enhancing club communication.

**Digital Display:** Our incorporation of digital displays into our communication strategy, is a significant

advancement. These displays serve as dynamic showcases for club activities, announcements, and event schedules. When strategically placed, they create an immersive and engaging experience. Maintaining fresh and appealing content is key to success.



**Improvements in Club Software:** Enhancements to our club software are aimed at streamlining processes, enhancing accessibility, and simplifying event management, driven by valuable member feedback.

**Upgrading IT Infrastructure:** We recognize the importance of a smooth and reliable operation. Therefore, we are evaluating the need to upgrade older IT infrastructure to support our club's activities effectively.

**Other Tech Improvements:** In addition to these major initiatives, we've implemented several smaller tech improvements that collectively have a significant impact.

In conclusion, the Tech and Outreach Committee is committed to leveraging technology to advance the club's outreach and infrastructure. We are dedicated to engaging with members, gathering feedback, and educating them on how to make optimal use of these technological resources.

These initiatives promise a transformative change in our club's experience, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of innovative and engaging communication. We eagerly anticipate the exciting prospects that lie ahead.

**Meril Jacob**, Chairman

## BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

The Year of many firsts: A new beginning for the Billiards & Snooker section at ECA, in the able hands of our new Chairman, Mr. Francis Joe, a champion of the game himself.



The year started off with the Annual Onam Tournaments, with Sasha Saambi & Amal Razzak pocketing top honors. The matches were live-streamed, for the 1st time in ECA history, to the convenience of snooker lovers, who got to watch some thrilling matches from the comfort of their homes in India and abroad!!!

The Onam Bumper Black Ball Tournament, again for the 1st time in ECA history, was organized with record number of participants and was won by Sharad Chandra Mani. These fun-filled Black Ball events have been attracting a lot of new players and youngsters to the ECA Billiards room this year.

The Monthly Members Snooker Tournament, another 1st for the ECA Billiards fraternity, was

planned and organized by the Chairman and his team and the inaugural event was won by Kiran Kumar (September). The winner of October monthly tournament was Sanjay Unnikrishnan.

The 9th CI George Handicap Snooker Tournament was organized from 30th Oct to 10th Nov with a total cash prize of Rs. One Lakh. The top players from all KSBA recognized clubs participated. A record number of players participated and was capped at 96. ECA too was well represented with two top players Sasha and Amal reaching the semi-finals. Congratulations to Prateek Reddy (Koramangala Club) who edged Kushal C (KSBA) in the decider, in the finals to lift the CI George Trophy.

**Francis Joe**, Chairman



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ചെവിചേർത്തുവെച്ചു കൽക്കുന്നതൻ സുഷിരങ്ങളി  
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ഒ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ

Kochi, also known as Cochin, is a vibrant city located on the southwest coast of India. With a rich history that spans over centuries, Kochi has emerged as a popular tourist destination and a major economic hub in the state of Kerala. Its strategic location has made it a prominent trading port since ancient times, attracting merchants and explorers from around the world.

From picturesque backwaters to historical landmarks and delicious cuisine, Kochi offers a unique blend of old-world charm and modern amenities. With a population of over 2 million people, the city is a melting pot of cultures, with influences from Portuguese, Dutch, and British colonization evident in its architecture and traditions.

In this article, we will explore fascinating facts about Kochi that showcase its diverse heritage, natural beauty, and cultural significance. So, let's embark on a journey to uncover the hidden gems of this enchanting city!

**Kochi, also known as Cochin, is the largest city in the Indian state of Kerala:** Kochi is a major port city

and is often referred to as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea." Its strategic location has made it a prominent trading hub for centuries



**The name "Kochi" is derived from the Malayalam word "Kochu Azhi,"**

meaning "small lagoon": It aptly describes the city's geography, as Kochi is situated between the Arabian Sea and the backwaters of Kerala

**Kochi has a rich history that dates back over 600 years:** The city has witnessed the influence of various cultures, including Portuguese, Dutch, and British, which is evident in its architecture and cultural heritage

**The iconic Chinese fishing nets in Kochi are a symbol of the city's maritime heritage:** These large fishing nets are believed to have been introduced by Chinese traders in the 14th century and are still actively used by local fishermen

**Kochi is home to the famous Kochi-Muziris Biennale, an international contemporary art exhibition:** Every two years, artists from around the world come

together to showcase their creativity and engage in conversations around art and culture

**Fort Kochi, with its charming colonial-era buildings and narrow streets, is a popular tourist destination:** Take a leisurely stroll through its vibrant streets and soak in the blend of European, Indian, and Arabian influences

**The iconic St. Francis Church in Kochi is one of the oldest European churches in India:** It was originally built by the Portuguese in 1503 and later became the burial place of the famous explorer Vasco da Gama

**Kochi is a melting pot of different cuisines, with street food being a major highlight:** Indulge in local delicacies like appam, fish curry, and banana chips to tantalize your taste buds

**The Kochi International Airport is the first airport in the world to be fully powered by solar energy:** It is a testament to Kochi's commitment towards sustainable initiatives and renewable energy sources.

**Kochi is home to the Indian Naval Base, Southern Air Command, and a bustling shipbuilding industry:** The city plays a crucial role in India's defence and maritime sectors.

In conclusion, Kochi is a vibrant and dynamic city that offers a unique blend of rich history, diverse culture, and modern development. With its stunning backwaters, historical landmarks, delicious cuisine, and warm hospitality, Kochi has something to offer for every traveller. Whether you are interested in exploring the ancient forts, experiencing traditional dance forms, or indulging in mouth watering seafood delicacies, Kochi is sure to leave a lasting impression on you.

So plan your visit to Kochi and immerse yourself in the enchanting beauty and captivating experiences that this city has to offer.

Stay options are plenty including some amazing locations like the affiliated clubs (listed below), that ECA Members can choose to leverage.

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Century Club	Vennala, Kochi 680028
Cochin Suburban Club	Thrikkakkara, BMC PO, Kochi-682021
Dd Retreat Club	May First Road, Thammanam, Kochi-32
Regional Sports Centre	Kadavanthra, Kochi-682020
Sree Moolam Jubilee Club	Main Road, North Paravur, Kochi-683513
Engineers Club	Chakkaraparambu, Vennala, Kochi, 682028
Indian Medical Association	Palarivattom, Cochin-68025
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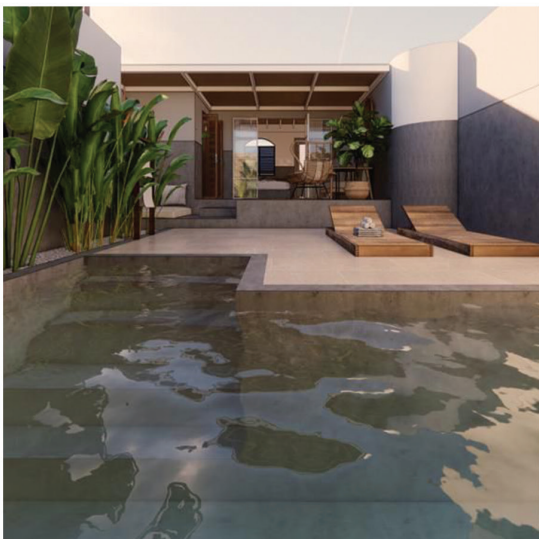
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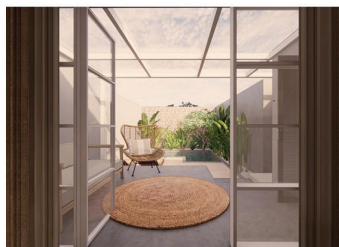
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